

# Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

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*Lee K. Ferrier*

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## Treasurer,

It is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation  
The Honourable Justice Lee K. Ferrier, and request that you  
confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Called to the Bar in 1964, he soon established himself as a leader  
of the family law bar, and was recognized not only by his peers  
but by provincial and federal governments, which called on his  
expertise when making reforms in the area of family law & divorce.

His was not a narrow view of the law; his compassion and  
concern for others gave him a deep appreciation for the human  
and social dimension of family law and the need to reduce  
harmful conflict. This compassionate and humane nature also  
saw outlet in his voluntary work with numerous community  
organizations dedicated to assisting the less fortunate.

Throughout his career he gave unstintingly of his time to the legal  
profession through participation in its voluntary and social  
organizations, and most importantly through his service  
as a Benchler and Treasurer of the Law Society, where he played  
a significant role in the development of policies governing  
the provision of legal services to the public through his mem-  
bership on the Client Funding Committee and as Chair of the  
Legal Aid Plan.

His record of service to the people of this province and to the  
legal profession are in the highest tradition of the bar, and I  
ask therefore, Treasurer, that you confer upon him the degree  
of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.